

Application No. 09/459,138

AMENDED CLAIMS IN CLEAN VERSION

SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3)

IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 6 SEPTEMBER 2001

CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A method of making a flangeless seam by joining two members of a disposable article without a barrier member, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a first member of the disposable article;
folding the first member of the disposable article providing opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member;
providing an electromagnetic field responsive member adjacent at least a portion of the first member;
providing a second member of the disposable article juxtaposed at least a portion of the first member to form a laminate including the first member, the second member and the electromagnetic field responsive member;
and
applying an electromagnetic field across at least a portion of the laminate to heat the electromagnetic field responsive member to a temperature which joins at least a portion of the first member and at least a portion of the second member.
4. (Twice Amended) A method of making a flangeless seam by joining two members of a disposable article without a barrier member, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a first member of the disposable article;
folding the first member of the disposable article providing opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member;
providing an electromagnetic field responsive member disposed at least partially between the opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member;
providing a second member of the disposable article in a folded configuration juxtaposed at least a portion of the first member to form a laminate including the first member, the second member, and the electromagnetic field responsive member; and
applying an electromagnetic field across at least a portion of the laminate to heat the electromagnetic field responsive member to a temperature which joins at least a portion of the first member and at least a portion of the second member.
12. (Amended) A method of making a flangeless seam by joining two members of a disposable article without a barrier member, the method comprising the steps of:
providing a first member of the disposable article;
folding the first member of the disposable article providing opposing first proximal and first distal portions of the first member;
providing a heat activatable adhesive adjacent at least a portion of the first distal portion;